

Lopez House
517 Convent Avenue
Barrio Libre (Barrio Histórico)
Tucson
Pima County
Arizona

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Location: 517 S. Convent Avenue, Tucson, Pima County, Arizona.

USGS Tucson Quadrangle, Universal Transverse
Mercator Coordinates: 12.502680 .3563970

Present Owner
and Occupant: Merced Verdugo.

Present Use: Residence.

Significance: This simple adobe house was built and occupied, until recently, by the Antonio López family. López, a carpenter, constructed the house in about 1920, using current Anglo design standards: shingled hip roof with gablets, isolated site location, large setback, picket fence. Although built of adobe, with a facade similar to those of the Transitional Sonoran row houses to the north, this dwelling is more prominent along the streetscape because of its setback and site location.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: ca. 1921.
2. Architect: None known.
3. Original and subsequent owners: See chain of title below.

Block 240, Lot 12, arb. 64 and 65.

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| 1917 | Deed, January 5, 1917, recorded in Volume 65, page 18.
Theodore and India Fitch to Ramón Soto. |
| 1929 | Deed, December 11, 1929, recorded in Volume 142, page 502.
Ramón and María Soto Jesus Fimbres de Enrique. |
| 1937 | Deed, August 23, 1937, recorded in Volume 207, page 471.
Jesus Fimbres de Enrique to Mercedes Verdugo López. |
| 1943 | Deed, October 18, 1943, recorded in Volume 259, page 549.
Antonio S. López to Andres Herreras. |
| 1951 | Deed, April 30, 1951, recorded in Volume 346, page 312.
Andres D. and Josefina Herreras to Mercedes V. López. |

4. Builder: Antonio López.

5. Alterations and additions: This structure appears to have undergone no alterations or additions since its construction.

B. Historical Persons and Events Connected with the Structure:

Antonio López, a carpenter, built this house and resided here until he died, between 1950 and 1955. His wife, Mercedes, occupied the home until her death in 1970. Their daughter now owns the house and rents it to the present tenant. López built several of the adobe structures along the alley that runs between Kennedy and 17th Streets, behind the structures facing S. Convent Avenue, and was probably responsible for carpentry work on other buildings in the Barrio. His son, Pedro, was also a carpenter.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION (See Significance, above, and Barrio Libre (Barrio Historico) (HABS No. AZ-73) for site plan and background essay.)

PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Building slip, Pima County Assessor's Office.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Company maps, 1909, 1914, 1919, 1948.

Tract Books, Pioneer National Title Insurance Company (Microfilm, Recorder's records).

Tucson City Directories, 1897-1979.

Oral Interviews:

Adelina García, 56 W. Kennedy St.

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